

prises resorted to; the earnest members simply put their hands deep down into their pockets and held them there all these years, and the result has been almost as marvelous as if some miracle of blessing had come upon us. During the last year, since the evangelization of the world has been laid upon the hearts of some of the members, over one hundred dollars has been contributed toward Foreign Missions, also over one hundred to Home Missions, and our College apportionment will be paid within the next sixty days.

Besides the support of the home church, we have opened a mission point of some twenty members in Maryland, and one of eighteen members in Allentown, Pa., and one of an indefinite number in New Jersey without a dollar of expense to any State, or National Mission Board.

I have not referred to our church affairs in a spirit of egotism. At best we are unworthy servants, but I simply want to show what can be done where there is entire consecration; if the Brethren church as a whole would give in proportion to her ability as the members of the Philadelphia church have given in the past, and will give in the future, Foreign Missions would at once become "practicable" and our home institutions would flourish as they never have heretofore; it is not our poverty that causes our institutions to languish, it is a lack of self-denial and sacrifice.

There will be an awful reckoning some day when the souls of almost countless millions of heathens will be piled up on one side, and the whiskey and tobacco and feathers, and the thousand and one useless wastes of the Christian church on the other side of the judgment seat, when men will be rewarded according to the deeds done in the body.

Do not understand me to say that men can earn their salvation, but they must earn their reward if they want any.

One other Philadelphia item, and that is that some of the members of our church will contribute to Foreign Missions right along, they would prefer to contribute through their own church, but will not withhold their gifts to God for the carrying out of the great commission because the church at large fails to do her duty. Some of us believe that the Lord is coming soon, and even if he should tarry, we know that we may be called away any day; we want to contribute our mite in harmony with God's purpose while we have time and opportunity, and not miss our reward by waiting until every one regards the scheme of Foreign Missions "practicable."

JACOB C. CASSEL,

#### OLD DOMINION.

A round trip of 850 miles and I am home again for which we are thankful. We can see many things at home and abroad, to cause us to study the time through which we are passing and to compare with history. Poor humanity, how frequent are the failures when self is depended upon. When no higher motive is actuating the propositions than selfish purpose how seldom it is that we sacrifice our opinions and concede the right to others. It is so much in the line of depravity to say it must be just so, and if not I will have nothing to do with the work, but step down and out. Deep and abiding faith says "I will trust him though he slay me." Faint heartedness says there are so many in the church who are still carnal and self-willed. I sometimes receive letters from members of the church filled with various complaints running on a line something like saying some of our people are living fast and are doing like the world. Some of our preachers are crooked. The church allows divorced men to be ordained, etc. "Therefore I am thinking of going into some other organization, or step to one side and be only an observer." What do you advise? I reply, To step from one organization into another in order to get more gospel, is commendable. But to go and take less is a doubtful method of Christian work, to step to one side is only falling back into the old ranks of the world. I say to all such, if you cannot be a Christian in the Brethren church, where will you better yourself. The same troubles are likely to occur elsewhere. There is not a command from Matthew to the last of Revelation, that you cannot observe in the Brethren church. The Bible is your guide; the church says, follow its teaching. It is true we have some impure men, but they are everywhere. And perhaps the church may be in fault, in its lack of executive jurisprudence to which we reply, and take courage, when we know that ways and means are now under advisement and soon will be perfected so that a safe guard will be given and the innocent flocks will be protected from the ravishing effects of indiscriminate ordination. We cannot be too careful as to who fills the pulpit. High sounding titles often are misleading. Let each congregation use every precaution in this direction. Better to have less eloquence and more piety. The Primitive church had its bad men, yet the faithful would die rather than form a union with the pagan or Jewish church. Paul had false brethren to meet. Some of the flock at Corinth doubted his apostleship. The hand of persecution was upon him; with all this he said this one thing, I do press

toward the mark for the prize of the high-calling of God in Christ Jesus. Paul could tell St. Peter of his weakness (See Gal. 2:14) and yet love him. He had contentions within and without, but never gave up the battle. When the end of his work was at hand he could truthfully say, I have kept the faith. Tradition says, On his way to the place of execution he preached to the guard and three were converted to Christ.

To the church at Corinth that had local trouble, he said, Charity suffereth long, is not provoked, is kind and never faileth. He told of seven things it would do, and of nine things it would not do. Read it in I Cor. 13. \* \* \* In my work I had the pleasure of meeting many of the dear old friends at Louisville, Ohio. Some of the dear ones have passed over on the other side, some have gone back to the world, but nearly all are in line with the spiritual battle and in a very short time it again will lead. And now brethren let us push the College and the Washington D. C. and Chicago Mission work to the front. E. B. SHAVER.

Maurertown, Va.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

WHEREAS, Death has entered our society taking from us our beloved brother, A. J. Fogarty an active member who said in will and act and word that he would do all he could to advance the society. Be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we deeply feel the loss of this one of our number, so faithful and strong, and realize that it is the will of Him who doeth all things well.

*Resolved*, That our tenderest sympathy go to the brother and relatives, and that we commend them to the loving care of Him whom we trust.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our society, and a copy be sent to relatives of our deceased brother.

BELLE BAIRD KUHNS,  
FLORENCE V. BLACK.  
ARES FLORA.

Committee of K. C. of C. E.

#### GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

The ark is moving slowly, headed for glory's port with a full head of steam ready to launch out in deep waters. We are in the midst of a glorious meeting at Salem, Ind., one of my old charges. Last Sunday night I closed my seventh year as pastor of the church with the largest audience in the history of my labors with them. Every available space was occupied.

Last week was so severely cold that our audience was not so large, but the mem-